

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents

**From:** Board Office

**Subject:** Naming of the Engineering Teaching and Research Complex (ETRC) Phase II Building as Gary and Donna Hoover Hall, Iowa State University

**Date:** August 30, 2001

**Recommended Action:**

Approve Iowa State University's request to name the Phase II Building of the Engineering Teaching and Research Complex as Gary and Donna Hoover Hall.

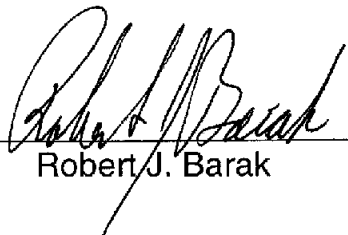
**Executive Summary:**

Iowa State University requests approval to name the Phase II Building of the new Engineering Teaching and Research Complex as Gary and Donna Hoover Hall. Gary and his wife Donna, who reside in Rio Verde, Arizona, donated \$3 million — the leadership gift for the ETRC Phase II building. This facility will be vital for the implementation of ISU's strategic plan to re-engineer engineering education for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The groundbreaking ceremony for Phase II was held on September 8 and construction will begin this fall.

A native of Coon Rapids, Gary graduated from Iowa State University in 1961 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and an M.B.A. from Santa Clara University. In 1987, after 20 years in leadership positions as an engineer for Westinghouse, Gary moved to Omaha and worked with a group of partners to establish Tenaska Inc., a company which designs, develops, constructs, and operates large-scale power plants around the world. Donna also was a member of Tenaska's start-up team, providing critical administrative and clerical skills in the early years of the company.

Gary and Donna also have endowed an engineering scholarship fund and are generous supporters of ISU intercollegiate athletics. Gary is a member of the Iowa State University Foundation Board of Governors and the Iowa State University Alumni Association Board of Directors. He is a member of Pi Tau Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies.

In honor of Gary's and Donna's exceptionally generous philanthropic commitment to help continue the advancement of ISU and build a better future for the people of the State of Iowa and beyond, it is requested that the ETRC Phase II Building be named Gary and Donna Hoover Hall.



Robert J. Barak